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SUBJECT: PERMREP'S LUNCH, MAY 13

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR TUESDAY LUNCHEON ON MAY 13, NATO
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. COMMUNIQUE FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING;
2. NORWEGIAN OFFER TO HOST 1976 SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING;
3. GREEK-NATO RELATIONS;
4. STANDARDIZATION;
5. STANAVFORLANT EXERCISES WITH PORTUGUESE FORCES;
6. PROPOSAL FOR NATO MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION; AND
7. NATO IS SALARIES AND THREATENED WORK STOPPAGE(FOR REPORT THIS
ITEM, SEE SEPTTEL).

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END SUMMARY

1. COMMUNIQUE FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING.

THERE WERE A GOOD MANY COMMENTS MADE ABOUT THE COMMUNIQUE FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING. ALMOST ALL THE PERMREPS THOUGHT THAT DE STAERCKE'S TEXT SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE "CHANGED AND EMBELLISHED" AS MIGHT SEEM APPROPRIATE. THE GREEK, TURK, NORWEGIAN, FRG, FRENCH, ITALIAN FAVORED THIS. SVART (DENMARK) WAS ASKED WHETHER, BASED ON HIS LONG EXPERIENCE IN MOSCOW, HE HAD ANY VIEWS ABOUT THE TYPE OF TEXT MOST USEFUL FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE SOVIET REACTION. HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT AS FEW REFERENCES AS POSSIBLE BE MADE OF ANY "WEAKENESS" IN THE NATO ORGANIZATION, FOR THIS WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE SOVIETS WHO WOULD CONSIDER IT A CONFESSION OF WESTERN SHORT-COMINGS.

2. NORWEGAIN OFFER TO HOST 1976 SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR BUSCH SAID THAT ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT HE WISHED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING NEXT YEAR TO TAKE PLACE AT OSLO IN MAY OR JUNE. THIS ELICITED GENERAL APPROBATION. HIS GOVERNMENT REQUESTED AN ANSWER AS TO DATES BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. GREEK-NATO RELATIONS.

THEODOROPOULOS SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED AFTER THE NATO SUMMIT TO MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING GREEK INITIATIVES WITH REGARD TO FUTURE GREEK-NATO RELATIONS.

4. STANDARDIZATION.

BRUCE REFERRED TO THE APRIL 30 LETTER FROM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO SYG LUNS ON THE SUBJECT OF STANDARDIZATION INCLUDING THE TEXT OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S INITIAL REPORT ON STANDARDIZATION TO THE CONGRESS AS REQUIRED BY THE NUNN AMENDMENT. (PERMREPS ALSO RECEIVED COPIES OF BOTH THE LETTER AND THE REPORT.) BRUCE SAID HE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL TO HAVE PERMREPS' COMMENTS AND REACTIONS, INCLUDING (A) WHETHER AMBASSADORS BELIEVE THAT AN APPROACH SIMILAR TO THE U.S. ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT BE OF POSSIBLE USE TO ALLIED LEADERS IN THEIR OWN DEALINGS ON STANDARDIZATION WITH THEIR PARLIAMENTS AND FINANCE MINISTRIES, AND (B) WHETHER ALL ALLIES MIGHT COORDINATE EFFORTS AND MAKE BETTER USE OF NATO MACHINERY TO ADVANCE THE OBJECTIVES OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY. HE SUGGESTED THEIR REACTIONS COULD BE SENT INFORMALLY TO THE U.S. DELEGATION. IT WAS THE SENSE OF THE PERMREPS THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE STUDIED BUT NO SPECIFIC DATE WAS SUGGESTED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF IT.

5. STANAVFORLANT EXERCISES WITH PORTUGUESE FORCES.

PERMREPS DECIDED TO PROCEED (BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE) WITH

APPROVAL OF THESE PLANNED EXERCISES.

6. PROPOSAL FOR NATO MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

WHILE STRESSING THE U.S. CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO HAVE REAL
IMPROVEMENT IN THE NATO MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION, AND THAT SOME
POSITIVE COUNCIL DECISION IN RESPONSE TO SYG LUNS' RECENT PO
ON THIS SUBJECT IS NECESSARY, AMBASSADOR BRUCE SAID THE U.S.
BELIEVED, NEVERTHELESS, COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT
NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14 IS PREMATURE. BRUCE SAID THE U.S.
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AMONG
THE FINANCIAL ADVISORS OF DELEGATIONS, WITH THE AIM OF STRIVING
FOR A SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON A PROPOSAL THAT COULD
THEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE. THE OTHERS AGREED
THE ITEM WAS NOT YET RIPE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND THAT
IT SHOULD BE STRICKED FROM THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT (I.E. MAY 14)
COUNCIL MEETING
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